

[24 April, 2001]

# RAJYA SABHA

Sl. No.	Name of the places	The nature of problems	Steps taken to resolved the problems
25.	Induiyaganj village in Distt. Kannauj	U/G Cable is to be laid permission awaited	Estimate sent by Railway Deptt. has been paid
26.	Village Sirola in Distt. Farrukhabad	OFC Cable is to be laid across the track permission awaited from N. Railway Allahabad Division	-do-
27.	East cabin at Ganjdundwara Road Etah	Permission not granted by Railways	The cases are being pursued with Railway authorities
28.	West cabin at Ganjdundwara Mohanpur Road	-do-	-do-
29.	Ballupur Railway Station to Bhagain town	-do-	-do-
30.	Daryabganj West Cabin at Pattiyali	Permission not granted by Railways	The cases are being pursued with Railway authorities
31.	East cabin at Patliyali-Sidhpura Road	-do-	-do-
32.	Railway cross at Dhanori, T.C.L. Babrala, Babrala, Ughani in Badaun Distt.	-do-	-do-

## Demands for wireless in the local loop for VPTs

4158. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact DOT is obtaining radio i.e. Wireless in the Local Loop (WLL) equipment to connect Village Public Telephone to the network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any demand from the State Governments for providing them with the services to the remote villages and if so, the State-wise demand; and

(d) the action taken by Government to meet the demands of the State Governments?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR):** (a) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, a Government of India Enterprise under Department of Telecom is inducting Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) equipment to provide village public telephones and other telephone lines in the rural network.

(b) Purchase Order for procurement of 2 lakh lines of WLL equipment has already been issued. The supply of equipment has commenced from the last week of March, 2001. Additional 4 lakh lines of WLL system are being procured.

(c) and (d) Requests have been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Andhra Pradesh State Government has requested for 30,000 lines of WLL systems where as Jharkhand Government has requested to induct WLL Systems on a large scale without mentioning any specific numbers. Requests of Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand State Governments are under active consideration and sufficient number of WLL lines will be allotted to these two States.

**Refunds to subscribers by cellular operators**

**†4159. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

**SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has directed the cellular operators to refund

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.